

House Resolution No. 3399

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Rachel Benrubi, an esteemed resident of Creve Coeur, Missouri, who has been chosen to receive the prestigious Hasid Olam "Righteous of the World" Award for harboring Jewish families in Macedonia, Greece, during World War II; and

Whereas, from 1941 to 1945, Rachel Benrubi, born Eleni Maka, and the Maka family saved the lives of two Jewish families by sharing their home with them and protecting them from the Nazis while placing themselves in great danger; and

Whereas, Rachel married Ruben Benrubi, a first cousin of one of the families that hid in her parent's attic, and together they emigrated to the United States in September 1951 as refugees by the Jewish Welfare Federation; and

Whereas, following the death of her husband, Rachel Benrubi moved to the City of St. Louis in 2000; and

Whereas, Rachel Benrubi has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her three children, Asher Benrubi, Rena Benrubi Abrams, and Esther Benrubi Gurman; and her five grandchildren; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Jewish Film Festival will present Rachel Benrubi with the Hasid Olam "Righteous of the World" Award during a special ceremony to be held June 13, 2004:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Rachel Benrubi at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Rachel Benrubi.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

Representative Sam Page
District No. 82

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3399, adopted June 10, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker